

REMARKS

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to more definitely set forth the invention, obviate the rejections, and correct grammatical and typographical errors made in the Amendment filed on February 2, 2004. Support for the amendment of Claims 3 and 4 can be found in the Specification on page 3, lines 14-18, page 5, line 2 and line 21, page 7, Table 1, fourth line thereof. The present amendment is deemed not to introduce new matter. Claims 1-12 are in the application, Claims 6 and 7 having been withdrawn from consideration being directed to a non-elected invention.

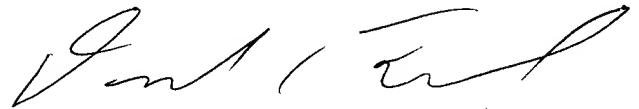
Please note that the Amendment filed February 2, 2004, incorrectly stated that claims 2, 4 and 6 had been cancelled. In fact, the text of the claims was amended therein, and the claims remained in the application. Further, claim 3 had been incorrectly and mistakenly amended to delete a portion of the preamble. The deleted portion has now been properly added back into claim 3.

In addition, claim 4 has been amended to now have proper antecedent support, and contain proper English grammar. The corrections/amendment made herein have been made primarily to correct improper amendments and omitted amendment, introduced by a computer software problem.

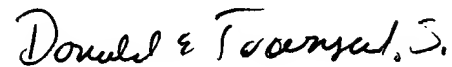
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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